

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION  
81 Higuera Street, Ste. 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

**TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF REVISED STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL  
BOARD NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM AND  
REFORMATTING EXISTING NONPOINT SOURCE PLANS, POLICIES, AND  
MANAGEMENT PRACTICES - AMENDMENT OF THE CENTRAL COAST BASIN  
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN (BASIN PLAN) AND REQUESTING APPROVAL  
FROM STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Regional Board), will hold a public hearing to hear comments and consider adoption of a resolution amending the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Central Coast Region. The proposed amendment to the Basin Plan includes:

1. Reference the State Water Resources Control Board January 2000 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program.
2. Emphasize information and management actions contained in the January 2000 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program for the protection and restoration of riparian areas.
3. Restructure sections of the Basin Plan to have appropriate nonpoint source information, requirements, and prohibitions in a designated section of the Basin Plan. The section is titled Control of Nonpoint Source Pollutants.

Copies of the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan (in the form of a draft amendment for adoption, staff report, and a functionally equivalent document which includes an Environmental Checklist) are available on the Internet at [www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/). At the website, on the first page you will see a staff report "PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF "WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN - CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN" (BASIN PLAN) REGARDING INCORPORATION OF THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD "NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM" AND RESTRUCTURING THE BASIN PLAN NONPOINT SOURCE INFORMATION, FINDINGS, AND REQUIREMENTS." The proposed amendments to the Basin Plan are also available by request at the office of the Regional Board. You may also request a mailed copy of these documents by contacting Howard Kolb at 805-549-3332 or [hkolb@rb3.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:hkolb@rb3.swrcb.ca.gov).

Copies of the existing Basin Plan are located at libraries in major cities throughout the region, at the office of the Regional Board, and on the Internet at [www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/).

Actions to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for Region Three will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations. At the conclusion of the meeting the Regional Board will consider approval of the proposed amendment or a revised amendment consistent with the intent of the amendment. At

the conclusion of the public hearing, the Regional Board will consider certification of the environmental document an approval of the proposed amendments.

The public comment period will occur from **August 8, 2002 through September 23, 2002**. We would appreciate any comments, preferably in writing, or other evidence sent in advance to Howard Kolb at the address listed above. Your timely submittal will allow staff to analyze your comments and the Regional Board to consider your comments before taking final action at the meeting to be held on December 6, 2002. Please note that all exhibits, charts, graphs, and other testimony presented, as evidence must be left with the Regional Board as part of the administrative record.

Time limits may be imposed on oral presentations at the hearing. Additional or alternative rules or regulations consistent with the general purpose of the amendment and complementary to the specific proposed rules may be developed at the hearing as a logical outgrowth of this hearing.

The public hearing is scheduled as follows:

Date: December 6, 2002  
Time: 8:30 A.M.  
Place: Conference Room  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
895 Aerovista Place, SUITE 101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-5427

The location of the hearing is described on the attached map and is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact **Cyndee Jones** at **805-549-3372** at least 5 working days prior to December 6, 2002. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

For additional information on this Basin Plan review, please call Howard Kolb at 805-549-3332 or [hkolb@rb3.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:hkolb@rb3.swrcb.ca.gov).

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Roger Briggs  
Executive Officer

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